

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable consideration of this application as presently amended and in light of the following discussion is respectfully requested.

Claims 21-25 remain active in this case, Claim 23 having been amended by the present amendment, and Claims 1-20 having been previously canceled.

In the outstanding Official Action, the specification was objected to as requiring updating of the patent information of the parent application from which priority under 35 USC 120 is claimed; Claim 25 was objected to as including an informality requiring correction; and Claim 23 was rejected under 35 USC 112, second para., as being indefinite. However, Claims 21-22 and 24 were allowed.

Applicants acknowledge with appreciation the allowance of Claims 21-22 and 24.

In response to the objection to the specification, the informality noted has been corrected herewith.

In response to the objection to Claim 25, the change suggested in the outstanding Official Action has been adopted by the present amendment.

In response to the rejection of Claim 23, Claim 23 has been amended to clarify the claimed subject matter. No new matter has been added.

In view of the present changes, each of the issues raised in the outstanding Official Action has been addressed and overcome. Accordingly, no further issues are believed to be

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outstanding, and it is respectfully submitted that Claims 21-25 are in condition for formal allowance. An early and favorable action to that effect is respectfully requested.

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